HOUSE BILL No. 1339

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-10-6-2.3.

Synopsis: Date of city elections. Authorizes a city to adopt an ordinance to provide for holding city elections in even-numbered years.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 14, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.





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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- SECTION 1. IC 3-10-6-2.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: **Sec. 2.3.** (a) This section applies only to a city that adopts an ordinance under this section.
- (b) A city legislative body may adopt an ordinance under this section only:
 - (1) during a year a municipal election is held under section 5 of this chapter; and
 - (2) before April 1 of the year the ordinance is adopted.
- (c) A city legislative body may adopt an ordinance to provide that all elected city officers shall be elected in the second even-numbered year after the year the ordinance is adopted under this section and, except as provided in this subsection, every four (4) years after that even-numbered year. Notwithstanding any other law, the term of office of each city officer elected at the municipal election held in the year the ordinance is adopted under this subsection expires on January 1 of the second odd-numbered



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1	year after the year the ordinance is adopted. The successor of each
2	city officer elected at the municipal election held in the year the
3	ordinance is adopted shall be elected in the second even-numbered
4	year after the year the ordinance is adopted for a four (4) year
5	term.
6	(d) A city legislative body may adopt an ordinance to provide
7	the following:
8	(1) Those elected city officers identified in the ordinance shall
9	be elected in the even-numbered year after the year the
10	ordinance is adopted and every four (4) years after that
11	even-numbered year. The ordinance must identify those
12	members of the city legislative body:
13	(A) representing districts identified in the ordinance; or
14	(B) elected at large identified in the ordinance;
15	to be elected in the even-numbered year after the ordinance
16	is adopted.
17	(2) Those elected city officers (including members of the city
18	legislative body elected at large or elected to represent a
19	district) not identified under subdivision (1) shall be elected in
20	the second even-numbered year after the ordinance is
21	adopted.
22	The city legislative body must use a random procedure to
23	determine which members of the city legislative body shall be
24	elected under subdivision (1) and which members of the city
25	legislative body shall be elected under subdivision (2). The
26	ordinance must describe the random procedure used by the city
27	legislative body.
28	(e) This subsection applies if the city legislative body adopts an
29	ordinance described in subsection (d). Notwithstanding any other
30	law, the following apply:
31	(1) The term of office of each city officer:
32	(A) elected at the municipal election held in the year the
33	ordinance is adopted; and
34	(B) described in subsection (d)(1);
35	expires on January 1 of the odd-numbered year after the year
36	the ordinance is adopted. The successor of each city officer
37	described in this subdivision shall be elected at the election
38	held in the even-numbered year after the ordinance is adopted
39	for a four (4) year term.
40	(2) The term of office of each city officer:
41	(A) elected at the municipal election held in the year the



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ordinance is adopted; and

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(B) described in subsection (d)(2);	
expires on January 1 of the second odd-numbered year after	
the year the ordinance is adopted. The successor of each city officer described in this subdivision shall be elected at the	
election held in the second even-numbered year after the	
ordinance is adopted for a four (4) year term.	
(f) An ordinance adopted under this section may provide other	
details for city elections not in conflict with this section or other	
law.	
(g) The provisions of IC 36 relating to the adoption of	
ordinances apply to an ordinance adopted under this section.	

